M. Briand said he would be very surprised if General Gadorna had not already had some proposition in view.

I asked that General Cadorna should consider the proposition that evening, and give his views to-morrow.

Baron Sonnino suggested, however, that It would be better for General Gadorna to hear my views at once, and urged that he should be *Cadorna* summoned to join the Conference.

~>L A* this point General Cadorna entered the Conference and Baron Sonnino explained my proposal to him. General Cadorna said that he had had an opportunity of glancing at my memorandum. As a point of detail he said he did not like the idea of advancing on Pola. To do so would take him away from his main objective, which was Laibach, on the road to Vienna.

I interpolated at this point that I would be quite satisfied if General Cadorna could advance towards Vienna with the reinforcements proposed.

General Cadorna went on to ask

" how long the material would be at his disposal ?

This was really an essential point. *He gathered from*

*Temporary conversations with Generals Lvautey and Robert-**

** loan of guns son that the material would have to be returned*

*useless to fry May.* He reminded the Conference

*orna* that to be useful for offensive operations the material must be back some eight or ten days before the offensive began. Then an

allowance had to be made for the time necessary for the transport to and from France. Time also had to be allowed for loading and unloading off the railways. Then there were the different methods of the various nations to be considered in regard